

**2007  
Partner Agencies**

This cost center of the Village budget reflects the financial activities related to the Village contributions to its Partner Agencies. In most cases, funds are received from the General Fund but they are also transferred from other funds where appropriate.

- **Park District of Oak Park** – The Village has had a contract for recreation services with the Park District of Oak Park since the mid 1980's. The current multi-year agreement expired in 2001 but has been renewed annually while a joint funded master plan is completed. Village funding provides for recreation operations to be performed by the District that were once performed by the Village. The total Village commitment in 2006 was \$1,685,545 and will be \$1,752,613 in 2007.
- **Oak Park Area Arts Council** – This not-for-profit agency provides funding and support for the arts in the Village. Partially funded by the Village, the agency provides direct grants to various arts organizations within the Village. A total village commitment in 2006 was budgeted at \$188,000, and will be \$200,950 in 2007 due to the removal of funding from the Downtown TIF Fund.
- **Oak Park Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau** – This not-for-profit agency provides marketing and advertising services for the various attractions located in the Oak Park area. A state-certified tourism bureau, the agency receives all of the Village's Hotel/Motel Tax, as well as a portion of the state hotel and restaurant tax from Oak Park and surrounding communities to support this activity. Total Village commitment, including the full amount received from the Village's 4% hotel/motel tax, was \$280,000 in 2006 and is recommended to be \$310,000 in 2007.
- **Oak Park Development Corporation** – This agency assists in the Village's effort to attract and retain viable businesses within the community. It also administers several loan and rehab programs for businesses in the community. The Village's CDBG Fund commitment to the agency in 2007 includes funding for commercial rehab in designated areas of the Village. Also included in the annual budget is a \$100,000 interest rate subsidy on low-interest loans issued by the member banks of the OPDC. Finally, the Village provides General Funds. In 2007, the recommended funding from this source was \$540,000.
- **Oak Park Regional Housing Center** – This agency was created to ensure the continued maintenance of diversity within the community. To that end, the Village funds the agency with both CDBG eligible funds and operating funds. Of the \$943,844 operating budget for the agency in 2007, funding includes \$389,111 from Taxable Housing Bond Fund, and \$216,000 from the CDBG Fund.

- **Downtown Oak Park** – Downtown Oak Park was created to address the commercial needs of the Downtown area merchants. Funding sources to the agency are derived from a Special Service Tax that is paid to the Village and remitted to the agency along with a fund transfer from the Village's Downtown Tax Increment Finance Fund. Total Funding from the Village in 2007 is budgeted at \$650,000.
- **Oak Park Residence Corporation (RESCORP)** – Formed in 1966, RESCORP seeks to improve the housing environment through improving, purchasing, selling, leasing, mortgaging, demolishing or otherwise managing substandard real estate properties in the Village. Funding is derived from multiple sources, including rent, section 8 and Village contributions for property acquisitions and administration. In 2007, the Village is budgeting \$250,000 from the Taxable Housing Bond Fund.
- **Senior Citizens' Taxi Coupon Program** – This partially funded Village program is administered by Oak Park Township. \$12,000 is included in the Village 2007 budget for this program.
- **Oak Park Township Interventionist Program** -- \$70,000 is budgeted in 2007 as the Village's contribution to the multi-jurisdictional program of counselors interacting with at-risk youth.
- **West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center** – The WSCDC provides a complete public safety answering and dispatching service for police, fire, and emergency medical services supporting the needs of the residents, businesses and visitors to the Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Elmwood Park.
- **Farmer's Market Commission** – The Farmer's Market is operated by the Village with the cooperation of an appointed commission of the Village Board. The market is operated May through October of each year and features fruits, vegetables, flowers and crafts by regional vendors.